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HOUSE BILL 81

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PLACING SPEED RESTRICTIONS ON
VEHICLES DURING NIGHTTIME HOURS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-7-301 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 405, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-301. SPEED REGULATION.--

A. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at
a speed greater than:

(1) fifteen miles per hour on all highways
when passing a school while children are going to or leaving
school and when the school zone is properly posted;

(2) thirty miles per hour in a business or
residence district;

(3) seventy-five miles per hour from one-half

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1 hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, or sixty-
2 five miles per hour at any other time; and

3 (4) the posted speed limit in construction
4 zones posted as double fine zones or other safety zones posted
5 as double fine zones as designated by the [~~highway and~~
6 ~~transportation~~] department of transportation, provided that the
7 posted speed limit shall be determined by an engineering study
8 performed by the [~~state highway and transportation~~] department
9 of transportation.

10 B. In every event, speed shall be so controlled by
11 the driver as may be necessary:

12 (1) to avoid colliding with a person, vehicle
13 or other conveyance on or entering the highway;

14 (2) to comply with legal requirements as may
15 be established by the [~~state highway and transportation~~]
16 department of transportation or the New Mexico state police
17 division of the department of public safety and the duty of all
18 persons to use due care; and

19 (3) to protect workers in construction zones
20 posted as double fine zones or other safety zones posted as
21 double fine zones as designated by the [~~highway and~~
22 ~~transportation~~] department of transportation.

23 C. The speed limits set forth in Subsection A of
24 this section may be altered as authorized in Section 66-7-303
25 NMSA 1978."

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1 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
2 provisions of this act is July 1, 2009.

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